

## NEWS AND NOTES.

## A Summary of Important Events.

HON. HENRY STANSBERRY, Attorney-General in President Johnson's Cabinet, is dead, aged 78.

THE House of Commons, by a vote of 175 to 89, has rejected a bill for the abolition of capital punishment.

THE temperance question is assuming paramount importance in North Carolina and threatens to disrupt both political parties.

EX-GOVERNOR NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., has received the Republican nomination for Congress in the Second Maine District, in place of Fry, chosen United States Senator.

EX-SENATOR DORSEY denies the report that he has abandoned his residence in Arkansas. He says he will build him a house at Hot Springs and make that place his home.

UPON, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has been sent on a Government mission to Europe. Prior to his departure he placed his resignation in the hands of Secretary Windom.

CONGRESSMAN SPEER, of Georgia, who was elected as an Independent Democrat, it is reported has declared his purpose to vote with the Republicans in the organization of the next House.

TROOPS have been dispatched to a point in San Juan County, Utah, 125 miles west of Durango, where an outbreak is threatened by Pah Ute Indians. A number of cattle men have disappeared and are thought to have been killed.

WORKINGMEN'S organizations in New York City are making an effort to obtain a half-holiday on Saturday. Some establishments have already yielded to their demands, and the workingmen express a determination to press the matter to a general adoption.

THE Italian residents of Marseilles are quitting the city in large numbers. The animosity between Frenchmen and Italians has caused serious conflicts in various parts of France, including Paris. Counter-demonstrations have taken place in Naples, Palermo, and other Italian cities.

ADDITIONAL removals of Post-office Department officials include Capt. W. H. Turner, in charge of the celebrated Star routes, and Wm. S. Sikes, also in the Contract office. Turner is known to have been cognizant of the frauds committed in his department, if not *particeps criminis*.

JACOBS, one of the Democratic candidates for United States Senator in New York, has withdrawn his name, on account of doubts regarding his eligibility, he being a member of the Legislature. Clarkson B. Potter, formerly Representative in Congress from the Westchester District, has been substituted in his stead.

IN consequence of the troubles in the Indian Territory growing out of the different interpretations of treaty stipulations and of the Permit laws passed by the Indian Legislature in 1876, (requiring all white men residing in the Territory to pay a yearly tax), the Secretary of the Interior has been appealed to to suspend the action of the law until its validity can be passed upon by competent authority.

GENERAL BRADY, through counsel, made an application in the Washington Criminal Court, on the 23d, for an immediate investigation of the public charges made against him in connection with the star-route frauds. Col. Cook, Special Assistant Attorney-General, opposed the motion, on the ground that the Government had not yet prepared its case, and would not be ready before the September term. The Court denied the motion.

GOVERNOR CRITTENDEN, at nearly the last hour, granted a respite of four weeks to the Talbot brothers, sentenced to be hanged at Maryville, Mo., on the 24th, for the murder of their father. The date of their execution is postponed till July 22. Extraordinary efforts were put forth to obtain executive clemency, and it is understood some important evidence was presented to the Governor not produced at the trial. Twenty thousand people had gathered to witness the execution, and as threats of lynching were freely made, the armed guard about the jail was doubled.

JOHN I. DAVENPORT testified before the investigating committee at Albany, N. Y., on the 23d. He corroborated substantially the statement of Senator Strahan as to the tender of the office of U. S. Marshal to the latter, on condition that he should vote against Conkling, but said he had no authority from President Garfield to act in the matter. Had conversed with the President regarding H. but Strahan's position on the Senatorial question was not mentioned. He had received permission from the President to freely disclose everything that took place between them in reference to this affair.

THE deadlock in the New York Legislature continued unbroken on the 21st, with no signs of any immediate solution of the Senatorial puzzle. Ex-Vice-President Wheeler has come forward as a leading candidate against Conkling, and it is understood he favors a compromise by which the Stalwarts shall have the naming of one Senator and the Half-breeds the other. The Stalwarts held a conference, which was addressed at length by ex-Senator Conkling. He utterly repudiated any plan looking to a compromise, and stated as his ultimatum the election of two Stalwart Senators or a chance to pass upon the questions at issue. The Half-breeds met and were addressed by Senator Woodin. He favored a compromise, but bitterly opposed letting Conkling have the naming of one of the Senators. A resolution was adopted pledging those present to remain the year out if Senators were not sooner elected. Twelve Featherheads also met in conference. They are agreed upon one point, viz., to support neither Conkling nor Depew, but fall to unite upon any one candidate. They will vote with the Half-breeds on the question of adjournment.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hazlett brothers, Bill and Ike, were recently killed by a party of cowboys at Eureka, N. M. The killing was done in revenge for the Hazlett's having shot Leonard and Harry head, the Contention stage robbers.

SICKNESS compelled Weston to retire from the walking-match for the Astley Belt at London on the 23d. Rowell had scored 278 miles and Weston 201.

THOMAS GARFIELD, uncle of the President, was instantly killed, and Mrs. Alonzo Arnold, sister of Dr. Boynton, probably fatally injured, near Cleveland, O., on the 22d, while attempting to cross the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railway track in front of a train.

MR. R. S. HAYES, President of the International & Great Northern Railroad, has been elected First Vice-President and General Manager of the following lines, embracing the entire Gould Southwestern system: The Missouri Pacific and leased lines, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern and Texas & Pacific. Captain Hayes will establish his headquarters at St. Louis. The present General Managers, Messrs. Talmage, of the Missouri Pacific; Soper, of the Iron Mountain, and Hoxie, of the Texas Pacific and International & Great Northern, continue in their respective duties.

A CYCLONE in the district of Blois, France, caused damage of several million francs.

TOMBSTONE, Arizona, had a serious fire on the 23d. One hundred and fifty buildings in the business portion of the town were destroyed. The losses will probably aggregate a quarter of a million. About 800 people are homeless. The fire originated in a saloon, from the opening of a barrel of whisky, the fumes of which communicated with a cigar-lighter.

AT Virginia City, Nev., on the 23d, Daniel Keillher, Deputy County Clerk, was stabbed and killed on the street by Dennis Hennessey, curbside broker. The cause is not fully understood, but it is believed to be political matters.

THE Baptist Church at Garrettsville, O., was blown up on the 23d by powder or dynamite. The inside of the church was almost entirely destroyed. The explosion was so heavy as to arouse people a mile away. The criminal is at large and there is no clue.

MRS. ANNA BONNER, wife of a planter residing near Hickman, Ky., went to bed with her two children, leaving a pan of burning chips near the bed-side to smoke out the mosquitoes. Forgetting the fire she fell asleep, and awakened to find herself and children surrounded by flames. She managed to escape, but both herself and children were so badly burned it was thought all three would die.

PARNELL will return to the United States in July, on an extended political tour.

TWO negroes were recently lynched at Danbury, Stokes County, N. C., their crime being against white women.

A LUNATIC named Hoffman made a murderous attack upon two boarders at the Mount City House, Kansas City, on the 23d, one of whom, George Lucas, was so horribly injured that he will die. Hoffman was sleeping in the room with the others, and suddenly drew a large knife and rushed upon them, cutting right and left.

TWO new comets have been discovered.

IN a fit of delirium tremens, Matthew O'Donnell, a laboring man, of East Saginaw, Mich., committed "harikari" with a razor, cutting open his abdomen. He only lived a short time.

A DISPATCH from Tunis says the Bey's steward has taken refuge at the English Consulate with securities and jewels worth a million francs, and that he embezzled the accounts of the stewardship for many years.

THE remains of Mrs. Henry Hatterman, of New York City, were cremated in Le Moine's furnace on the 24th.

CHARLES G. HELPREY, confined in the Ozark (Ark.) Jail under conviction of murdering a young man named James, two years ago, made his escape a few nights ago by sawing a bar from his cell.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR KEELY, of the San Francisco Revenue Office, is a defaulter to the amount of \$2,000, and has fled.

CHARLES A. ANCHUT, who escaped from the custody of a Deputy Sheriff in New York while under charge of embezzlement, and who, in the false guise of a secret service officer of the Treasury Department, swindled many persons in St. Louis, New Orleans, Memphis and other places, has been arrested in San Francisco.

JAY GOULD is reported to have purchased the St. Louis Bridge and Union Depot, and to have obtained a perpetual lease of the Tunnel and Transit Railway across the river.

SINGULAR fatality attaches to Kiachi Female College, near Shreveport, La. Two Professors lately committed suicide, one was killed by a recent tornado, and now the death of the President, the Rev. J. H. Tucker, is announced.

CHARLES WALKER, City Marshal of San Marcial, N. M., was shot and killed by Paddy Ryan, who recently escaped from jail at El Paso del Norte, where he was confined for shooting a Mexican.

JOSEPH MORREY, a tramp, killed James Ginty with a brick at Wilmington, Del., on the 24th, for ejecting him from a hotel where he asked for food.

WYATT HOLMES, a colored murderer, was hanged at Holly Springs, Miss., on the 24th.

DR. CHAPIN, for several years an inmate of the County House, Charlotte, Mich., cut his throat and died in a few minutes. He was supposed to be over 100 years old.

AT Union City, Ind., an old lady named Cassidy was killed while crossing the track under some freight cars standing in the yard.

A DISPATCH from the Spanish Consul at Oran says a hundred Spaniards were massacred by the insurgents during the recent raid on the Esparto factors at Sahla. Four hundred persons were wounded and taken prisoners.

A MONTENEGRO officer went to the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg, on the 23d, and demanded an audience with the Princess of Montenegro. Being refused he stabbed the officer on duty. The Russian officer then shot the Montenegrin dead.

CLARENCE J. DAVIS, a cutter, killed his brother-in-law, Alonzo Barrett, at Detroit, Mich., while under the influence of liquor imbued at the soldier's reunion on the 23d.

SIDNEY M. STRAY, formerly a Metho-

dist minister located at Warrensburg, N. Y., as a former time a resident of Leavenworth, Kans., where under an assumed name he had been employed as bookkeeper by a prominent business house, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Missouri River. His body was recovered at Kansas City. About three years ago Stray's wife was wounded by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of her husband. He then shot himself, confessedly with suicidal intent. Stray said the shooting of his wife was accidental, and she corroborated his story at the time, but has since, it is said, expressed her conviction that he intended to take her life, and her brother had announced his intention of hunting Stray out and avenging the wife's wrongs. The church authorities investigated the shooting and other irregularities of an immoral nature charged against Stray, and he was expelled from the ministry.

EUGENE GUYN, a wealthy young West Virginian, was fatally stabbed on an Ohio River steambot by a mulatto waiter named Thomas Graves, with whom he had an altercation about a trivial matter. Gyn first struck Graves a blow with his fist, when the negro retaliated.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, proprietor of a restaurant at Cleveland, O., was killed on the 25th by William Frith, of Columbus, who is probably insane. Frith says he went to the desk to pay for some refreshments, and discovering that he had no money he felt an irresistible impulse to shoot the proprietor.

WM. TEUTEBERG, aged 70 years, was almost instantly killed near Steubenville, O. He was walking on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh track, when a freight train backed up on him, breaking his arm and leg and mashing his head in.

SEVENTEEN persons were killed and five wounded by an explosion in the Louise Tiffin colliery, Austria.

FRANK BRAGA, Secretary of the Portuguese Protective and Benevolent Society, San Francisco, Cal., has absconded, being a defaulter to the amount of about \$100,000.

AT Washington, D. C., on the 25th, J. Y. Christmas fatally shot his partner, W. G. Whitney. Whitney was the son of Mrs. General Gates by her first husband, and Christmas her son-in-law. There had been bad feeling between the two for some time.

WORKMEN on a strike, having attacked the Town Hall at Drammen, Norway, to release two comrades arrested, were fired upon by troops. One man was killed and several wounded. One officer and some soldiers were injured.

A DISPATCH from the City of Mexico says a train on the Morales Railway was precipitated into the San Antonio River by the falling of a bridge. Some 200 persons were killed or wounded, mostly soldiers.

C. P. COYLE shot and mortally wounded Joel A. Phillips, the other day, at Jasper, Fla. They were both from Madison, attending as witnesses in the trial of Savage and James for the murder of Frank Patterson, in Madison, in February last, during the taking of testimony in the Finley-Bisbee contested election case.

AT Paterson, N. J., on the 25th, Edward De Porter, the rejected suitor of Silvia Knockout, fatally stabbed the father of the girl and made a murderous attack upon Arthur von der Capella, her accepted suitor.

TWO sons of Jared Smith, of Eden, Vt., aged 8 and 10, were drowned while playing upon logs, on the 26th. Louis Maurer, Julius Michel and Willie Chouppou, all of St. Louis, were drowned while bathing in the Mississippi.

SAUL DINSMUKE and J. R. O'Neil, of Columbia County, Ark., while returning home in a wagon, got into a quarrel concerning who should shoot a bevy of partridges by the roadside, when O'Neil drew from his pocket a small knife and attacked Dinsmuke, cutting his breast, arm and shoulder, and inflicting six wounds, from which he soon died.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A PROCLAMATION has been issued prohibiting the importation of arms into Ireland, except at Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick, Londonderry, Waterford, Galway, Sligo, Drogheda, Dundalk, Greenore, and Wexford. The City and County of Waterford have been placed under the Protection Act. Arrests under the Coercion act continue, among the more prominent persons being Cox, League organizer, and Hozel, Secretary of the Government branch of the Land League.

THE public exhibition of placards of emigration agents or of foreign steamship companies has been prohibited in Germany, and a bill impeding emigration will be introduced in the next session of the Reichstag.

MOSES TITCOMB, aged 80, Superintendent of the Document Room, United States Senate, for over a quarter of a century, has just died. Titcomb watched over Calhoun in his last sickness, and laid out with his own hands the body of Henry Clay in 1851.

GENERAL GRANT called upon President Garfield at Long Branch on the 25th. The two shook hands cordially, but beyond the ordinary courtesies of the occasion, no conversation took place.

CAPTAIN EADS has gone to Toronto where, at the request of the Canadian Government, he will begin an examination of that harbor with a view to devising means for its permanent improvement.

CONCLUSIONS at Cambridge Observatory are that the comet now visible has passed its maximum of brightness and is moving away at the rate of 300,000 miles per day. It will be visible for several months.

AT Kingston, Madison County, Ark., Jeff. Carroll, son of the Mayor of Eureka Springs, was shot and killed by Frank Jenkins. A companion of Carroll's, named Garrett, was wounded in the hand, rendering amputation necessary. The shooting grew out of an old quarrel. Jenkins fled.

IN Bedford County, Tenn., the wife of Rev. Ephraim Anthony, formerly a Lutheran minister, accidentally shot herself while gunning for a hawk. Death was instantaneous.

JAMES B. DOYLE, the counterfeit, has been sentenced at Chicago to ten years in the Penitentiary. Doyle is the man who was arrested with more than \$300,000 in counterfeit Government bonds in his possession.

SEDITIONARY placards have been posted at Marseilles declaring that all works where Italians were employed would be burned down. This threat seems now partly realized, as two oil mills and a manufactory where Italians only were employed have been almost totally destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$1,200,000.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE St. Louis police are looking sharp after mock auction cigar swindlers, who have recently become numerous in that city. Their cigars are the most worthless trash imaginable, but are put up in a very showy manner, and well calculated to deceive the unwary. They employ several "cappers" as decoys, and manage to rope in many innocent citizens as well as unsuspecting countrymen.

JUNE 19, the feast of Corpus Christi, was celebrated at Jefferson City with imposing ceremonies. Salutes were fired during the morning by the battery from the State Armory.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, a peripatetic peddler of shoe-blackings, was set upon in Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, the other night, by a gang of hoodlums, and so badly injured that he was taken to the City Hospital in an unconscious condition. His injuries are serious, but will probably not prove fatal.

JOHN H. CARSON, a man canvassing for a book known as "The History of the Bible," fell dead at the residence of a farmer named W. D. Saunders, who resides in the neighborhood of Iatan, Platte County, the other day. Deceased had just taken a chair at the house, when he suddenly paled, gasped and died. He was a man well advanced in years and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. It is supposed that heart disease or apoplexy was the cause of his death.

TWO farmers, named Chas. Callahan and John Lenning, residing near DeKalb, Buchanan County, met about a mile from the village and engaged in an altercation, which resulted in the killing of Callahan, who seems to have been the aggressor. The only witness to the affair was a small child. Lenning gave himself up to the authorities, but was released on \$1,000 bail.

THE Postmaster-General has appointed Mr. Joel W. Bowman, of St. Louis, Post-office Inspector, with headquarters at that city.

SEVERAL days of the session of the recent St. Louis Grand Jury were devoted to the Southeast Missouri land frauds. Thirty-five indictments have been found in all, and the papers placed in the hands of officers. Among those indicted and under arrest are J. F. Richards, a St. Louis real-estate man, and George L. Brown, a clerk in the office of Lindsey, heretofore indicted. Both protest their innocence.

JAMES CARTER, an old resident of the eastern part of Jasper County, committed suicide. His body was found in Dry Fork with the throat cut. Despondency on account of failure of crops is supposed to have been the cause.

THE trial of John R. Poplin for the murder of Charles M. Henderson, at Poplar Bluff, resulted in a verdict of not guilty. Poplin killed Henderson for becoming too intimate with his wife.

KANSAS CITY is to have a high-priced breach-of-promise suit, \$25,000 being estimated as the cash equivalent of the lacerated affections of Miss Mollie Carter, who was wooed and won, but wed, by W. A. Dickey, a rich Colorado stock man. There are various conjectures as to the cause of Dickey's shortcoming, and a spicy time is anticipated.

THE French citizens of St. Louis are making elaborate preparations for celebrating the 14th of July—the French national feast day.

MISS CORINNE BELLE SMUCKER, a St. Louis lady of rare vocal gifts, who went to Vienna a year and a half ago to complete her musical education, died there quite suddenly, and her remains were brought home for burial.

AT the State Temperance Convention held at Moberly, for the special purpose of aiding the prohibition movement in Missouri, Rev. Dr. Brooks, of Mexico, President of the Alliance, delivered the opening address, and Col. W. F. Switzer, of Columbia, also made a lengthy argument in favor of prohibition. The Convention was composed of earnest men, prominent in both political parties, who seem determined to carry prohibition to the polls and into the State Constitution.

HENRY W. GIVENS, the dissipated son of a wealthy St. Louis family, attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself in the breast with a pocket-knife. He will recover.

WILLIAM and Charles Marlott, father and son, the former aged 52, the latter 24, were both fatally injured by cars running down the grade at the Joplin White-lead Works.

ST. LOUIS has broken out with the elevated railroad fever, no less than half-a-dozen different projects for suburban roads being under consideration by the Council.

TOM HOSMER, from New York City, fell into the hands of a Kansas City courtster named Belle Bird, and was swindled out of \$3,500. Madame Lee, keeper of the house where the robbery is alleged to have been committed, is under arrest, together with several male confederates.

THE stringent anti-gambling law for St. Louis passed by the last Legislature has gone into effect, and the gambling houses are said to have generally closed up rather than run the risk of prosecution. What constitutes a gambling device is set forth to be, "any table or gambling device, commonly called A, B, C, faro banks, E, O, roulette, equality, keno, or any kind of gambling table or gambling device, adopted, devised and designed for the purpose of playing any game of chance for money or property." It is further declared that any person convicted "shall be adjudged guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the Penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than five years, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a term not less than six nor more than twelve months." Owners of houses in which gambling is carried on also come under the provisions of the law, the punishment being "imprisonment in the County Jail or Workhouse for not more than one year nor less than thirty days, or by fine not exceeding \$500 nor less than \$50."

THE State Teachers' Association, which has been in session at Sweet Springs, adjourned on the 24th to meet at the same place next June. The session just closed has been one of the most pleasant and profitable ever held. The resolutions warmly advocated the passage of an improved School law. Reports of the various district associations indicated that they were in a prosperous condition.

JUDGE F. R. LONG, an old and well-known resident of Kansas City, is dead. He came to Missouri forty years ago from Kentucky.

Work has been commenced on the Carthage, Joplin & Short Creek Railroad.

## The Comet.

THE big comet which made its appearance so suddenly a couple of days ago was watched and its position measured yesterday morning through the big telescope at the Dearborn Observatory. The length of the comet and tail measured almost precisely eight and a half degrees, with a few signs of streamer light extending a little further, but not forming a definite tail beyond the limit named. Some of the published estimates of length, made by the parties who first saw the comet, were much greater than this. It appears probable that the tail was really longer on Wednesday morning than yesterday; as it is so described by a gentleman who saw it on both days. At twenty-four minutes past three o'clock the declination was forty-six degrees forty-eight minutes north, and the right ascension five hours and thirty-six minutes, within a few seconds.

THE comet is traveling at the rate of about five degrees northward, 2½ minutes of time eastward, per day. The angular diameter of the nucleus was 6½ seconds of arc, and the distance from its center to the apparent top of the envelope was 78 seconds of arc. Day before yesterday it was a mere matter of guess that this newly-discovered comet was identical with the comet of 1812, which was discovered by Pons in July, passed its perihelion in September, and was computed by Encke to have a period of seventy and seven-tenths years, which would bring it around again in the early part of 1883. It is a well-known fact, however, that the measures of position of a comet, moving in a very elongated orbit, can scarcely be depended upon to give a result much nearer than this, especially if the perturbing attractions of the planets of the solar system are not taken into the account. The comet of 1812, for instance, has swung out into space at a distance from the sun fifteen times greater than that of the earth, which carried it considerably beyond the orbit of Saturn, and the attracting power of the giant masses of the solar system, to say nothing of the hundreds of asteroids which have been discovered since Encke made his calculation, are quite sufficient to cause such a difference in the result, if the comet passed near some of them.

THE distance of allowance for this, the motion of the comet, as so far observed, is partly reconcilable with that of the comet of 1812. It is traveling in, approximately, the same plane, but the position of the point of perihelion passage in the computed orbit does not appear to agree with that of the present comet. The measures taken yesterday have been collated by the *Tribune* astronomer, and he has decided the following as approximate statements of the comet's position in terms with which the average reader is more familiar than with degrees and minutes:

THE distance of the comet from the earth yesterday morning was 80,000 miles; the diameter of the nucleus, 1,000 miles; the shortest diameter of the comet, measured through the nucleus, 23,000 miles; and the length of the tail, 4,500,000 miles.

THE comet would appear to have already passed (nearly) between the earth and the sun; and the shortening of the tail, above referred to, might be supposed to indicate that it has passed its perihelion some days ago. The latter, however, does not rest on sufficient data as yet. It is well known that at least three observations, at moderate intervals of time, must be made, before the elements of its orbit can be determined by its computers. Hence other observations, besides those made yesterday, will be required to establish the leading facts of the comet's movements. The required measures will be made at the Dearborn Observatory and at numerous other places, weather permitting; and the comet is rapidly moving into a more favorable part of the heavens for measuring than that in which it has hitherto been seen in the United States. As above noted the comet is rapidly moving northward. The degrees of yesterday's motion carried it far north that it was above the horizon during the whole of last night, instead of being about four hours below, as on the previous night. It will be above the horizon the whole of to-morrow night, passing the lowest point due north about twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, and will be visible, with a clear sky, from dark till twenty minutes past eleven to the west of north, and from twenty minutes past eleven till daylight to the east of north. Just how long it will continue visible cannot at present be told, but it will undoubtedly be a brilliant object in the evening sky for several days. The result of the observations made yesterday, however, leads, however, to the conclusion that it is decreasing in brilliancy.

IT may be interesting to know that the length of the tail yesterday morning was four times the greatest observed length of tail carried by the comet of 1812. That, however, is no proof that the two are not identical, as the apparent length of the tail depends upon the distance from the sun when seen, and also, to a very large extent, upon its distance at the same time from the observer, who watches it from the surface of the ever-moving earth. (Chicago Tribune, June 25.)

A Pretty Little Romance of the Pennsylvania Flood.

THERE is quite a romantic story told in connection with the land-slides on the Baltimore & Ohio Road. A McKeesport (Pa.) young man named Gardner was engaged to be married to a West Newton (Pa.) young lady named Miss Nellie Downs, and the wedding had been arranged for Thursday evening, and accordingly the ardent lover boarded the Uniontown accommodation on Thursday afternoon, with the intention of reaching West Newton in time for the ceremony. As fate would have it, however, just as the train reached Scottshead a large landslide was encountered, and as a matter of course further progress was barred, and, to make matters worse, when the train was run back to Armstrong another land-slide was encountered at that point, and thus the train was held on both sides by great barriers of earth.

THIS was not the worst, however, for when the young man beheld his fiancée telegraphing to his lady love he found himself in a still greater dilemma, upon making the discovery that the heavy masses of earth and rock which fell from the hills had broken down a number of telegraph-poles, and, of course, carried the wires with them, thus cutting off all telegraphic communication. But even under these adverse circumstances the young man did not give up, for he procured a torch, and, together with nine or ten other male passengers and two ladies, was piloted over the mountainous obstruction by the train hands, who supplied the party with a torch to light them on their way, and after a heroic and wearisome trudge over ten miles, reached the residence of the lady late at night, and, although muddy and weary, arrived in time to have the ceremony performed, and at eleven o'clock that night the happy couple were made man and wife. The lady is said to possess equally as much nerve as her husband, as she was at the time night operator at McKeesport, and during the long hours of the night sat with a very pretty little revolver by her side, prepared to defend herself against all intruders. (Pittsburgh (Pa.) Dispatch to Cincinnati Enquirer.)

TURIN and Greece are exporting the bulk of their vermouth, a delicate cordial, to the United States, getting better prices for it than in Europe.

MORMONISM supports 800 missionaries at an expense of \$1,000,000 a year.

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—The manufacture of oil from American cotton seed has begun in Italy on a large scale. It is mixed with olive oil, and sold for table use.

—The first rolling-mill in America was built at Middleboro, Mass., for Peter Oliver, one of the Crown Judges in the Province, in the year 1751.

—The German Post-office has adopted and uses postage stamps whose colors can be canceled by water. This prevents fraud, for as soon as the stamps are washed the color is obliterated.

—Mr. W. H. Preece suggests that the flow of tidal waters, and in elevated stations wind power, might be used to reduce the cost of producing the current for the electric light.

—Efforts are now in progress to attract to Louisiana the silk-growers of Provence, whose prospects in France have been blighted by plagues affecting grapevines and the silk culture.

—A Dresden man has made a good lubricant for shafts by mixing the whites of eggs with the finest graphite powder, until the consistency of a firm dough. This is kept in boiling water until the whole is coagulated. The mass is then reduced to powder.

—Belgium promises to become the great industrial teacher of Europe. Many foreigners are now attending her schools. She has fifty-nine technical schools, thirty-two industrial schools, and a higher commercial school—all receiving funds annually from the State.

—It will surprise many to learn that rice has a nutritious percentage of 88, while beef has but 26. Still civilized mankind will adhere to the latter with the idea that it has the most nourishment. The difference between a pound of beef and a pound of rice is very marked, the latter being 100 per cent. cheaper and 100 per cent. more valuable to the common laborer than the beef diet.

—A correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun* thus describes a filter which he says he uses with perfect success for all the water his family requires. It is a gallon-glass funnel with a small piece of sponge in the bottom, and on which rests half a dozen slender sticks to facilitate the percolation, then placed at intervals all around and beneath a piece of muslin a foot or so square. The muslin is filled with, say, a pint of closely powdered charcoal. Through this he filters the water. At first a little of the charcoal passes through, but it soon becomes a perfect filter.

## PITH AND POINT.

—Goes by water—A toper.—*Salem Sunbeam.*

—Two million hobby-horses were made in the United States last year. This is an average of about two and a half to a politician.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—The man who was the coolest person at the battle of Waterloo has just died. He hid in the ice-house at the chateau during the contest.—*Boston Post.*

—Edison is at work on an electric dressing machine which will do its work so rapidly that the owner can change his clothes with the weather and yet have time to eat two square meals and a lunch each day.—*Philadelphia News.*

—When a Boston girl is presented with a bouquet she says: "Oh, how deliciously sweet; its fragrance impregnates the entire atmosphere of the room." A down-east girl simply says: "It smells scrumptious; thanks, Reuben."—*Watts.*

—An over-fastidious fellow at a first-class restaurant was complaining because a beef-steak was not cooked to suit his taste. "It takes away my appetite," he said, "to eat it." "Then it must suit you," said a friend. "Why so?" "Because that is what you are eating it for."—*Philadelphia Sun.*

—When a boy sees a big horned nest depending from the branch of a tree he is not satisfied that it is loaded until he hits it with a stone. He would rather have a rock at it than have five dollars. In a few seconds he would rather five dollars that he hadn't heaved the rock.—*Norristown Herald.*

—"I can't think that all sinners will be lost," said Mr. Nimblett. "There's my husband, now. He's a bad man, a very bad man, but I trust he will be saved at last. I believe he has suffered his due share in this life." "Amen!" shouted Nimblett from the back seat. Mrs. N. gave him such a look, but said nothing.—*Boston Transcript.*

Do Birds Bury Their Dead?

WHILE strolling through the woods at Gogunc Lake yesterday afternoon, I suddenly came across half a dozen birds of the variety known as brown-thrush or mocking-bird. They were all busy working at some object on the ground, and did not notice my intruding till I was upon them, when, with a shrill cry, they flew off a short distance, and perched on the trees to watch my movements. Having my curiosity aroused, I went to examine what I supposed was a nest of young birds, when to my surprise I found the dead body of a female thrush, which had been killed by a shot from some hunter's gun, and had fallen where it lay. The birds which I noticed about it had been covering it over with leaves, sticks, little tufts of grass, etc., until only its feet stuck out. Immediately the story of the Babes in the Wood covered with leaves by robins came to my mind, and all seemed real as the time when in childhood I read the story and believed it to be true. Anxious to see what the birds would do, I stepped back of a large tree to a little distance and watched them. Slowly the birds came